

**Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Reyes)

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Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 19—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 2 of Article II thereof, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 19, as introduced, Vasconcellos. minimum voting age.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution authorize a United States citizen 18 years of age and a resident of this state to vote.

This measure would lower the voting age to 14 years. Votes by persons age 14 and 15 would count as  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a vote. Votes by persons age 16 and 17 would count as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a vote.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

1     *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the*  
2     *Legislature of the State of California at its 2003–04 Regular*  
3     *Session commencing on the second day of December 2002,*  
4     *two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby*  
5     *proposes to the people of the State of California that the*  
6     *Constitution of the State be amended as follows:*  
7     *SEC. 2. A United States citizen ~~18~~ 14 years of age and*  
8     *resident in this State may vote. A vote cast by a person 14 or 15*  
9     *years of age counts as one-quarter of a vote cast by a person 18*  
10    *years of age or older. A vote cast by a person 16 or 17 years of age*

- 1 *counts as one-half of a vote cast by a person 18 years of age or*
- 2 *older.*

